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months, all of which time he had lived at the Continental Hotel, was taken ill and on the 18th a diagnosis of yellow fever was made and he was removed from hotel and isolated.

Bernard, the American, who was the first case reported, occupied room 6 at the hotel, and the last case, that of the Spaniard, who had lived there for five months, occupied room 2, being separated from Bernard by 2 rooms. These 3 cases all originated at the hotel, their rooms being closely connected. Under these circumstances I do not consider that the infection of the hotel admits of any doubt.

The municipal authorities have taken the matter in hand and, I believe, are making efforts to disinfect the building and premises.

Of the 3 cases reported to date, 2 have died, and the remaining 1 is now under treatment, being isolated outside the city.

Eleven vessels have entered this port during the week and were inspected and passed. Seven vessels have received bills of health for ports outside this district during the week. One immigrant has been inspected and allowed to land during the week.

The following baggage arriving from Batabano on steamship *Josefita* was disinfected: 1 trunk, 3 valises.

The following baggage has been inspected and passed during the week: Five trunks, 22 valises, 5 bundles. Thirty-five health certificates have been issued to passengers during week.

*Casilda*.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 6 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week. No contagious diseases. Inspected 3 vessels at Casilda during the week.

*Santa Cruz del Sur*.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports 1 death during the week. No contagious diseases. Inspected 5 vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Report of immigration at Cienfuegos during the week ended August 18, 1900.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 20, 1900.*

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended August 18, 1900: August 17, steamship *Albis*, from Cartagena, with 1 Colombian immigrant.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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*Reports from Havana.*

HAVANA, CUBA, *August 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended August 11, 1900:

There have been 6 deaths from yellow fever, all except 1 among Spaniards. There are no more cases reported at present among American soldiers. The disease is fairly well distributed among American civilians living in different parts of the city. Among the new cases reported during the week 7 are Americans.

I would respectfully invite your attention to the number of deaths occurring in this city from meningitis. During the past week there were reported 16 deaths from this disease, and I find in looking over

the records for July that there were 51 deaths reported for that month. This death rate would indicate that the disease prevails here in epidemic form. This, however, is denied by local practitioners. It certainly gives ground for suspicion, and it would seem to me that very many cases of yellow fever are not reported to the health authorities as yellow fever, but are sent in as deaths from meningitis, uræmia, and so on. Again, it seems impossible that with the bettered condition and reorganization of the hospitals of this city, now employing trained and skilled nurses, the yellow fever death rate should be so high for the number of cases actually reported. During the month of July the number of yellow fever cases reported was 96 and the number of deaths 30. There is a possibility that a large number of cases are never reported, very many being so mild as not to be diagnosed. Cases among the poorer class of people here are apt to be concealed, otherwise the patients are removed to hospitals, and the necessary house cleaning and disinfection which follow by order of the sanitary department imposes considerable hardship on the poor tenants in that building. Cases among the wealthier class are also apt to be concealed, as these people are averse to the publicity given them by having garbage carts and disinfecting wagons drawn up before their front doors, and in doubtful diagnoses the family physician's opinion may be influenced by this cause.

The U. S. A. transport *Crook* left this port on the 8th for New York, carrying about 500 soldiers and with baggage amounting to 2,571 pieces requiring disinfection, of which 360 pieces were large dry goods boxes filled with clothing, mattresses, and bedding, and it kept the shore and floating plants both busy for two days. Blanket rolls and knapsacks were disinfected on the *Sanator* the day of sailing so as not to deprive the men of them at night. These latter were not turned over to us until late in the afternoon, working the full capacity of the barge *Sanator* until midnight. All the care possible was given the disinfection of this baggage. Some of this baggage had been disinfected previous to leaving camp, and we found on unpacking that many articles of clothing were injured, especially where formalin or bichloride solutions were employed by sprinkling or spraying the contents.

In this connection I must also state that passenger baggage for New Orleans—and I understand for Florida ports also—receives a second disinfection on arrival at these ports. The responsibility for the injury or loss to such baggage is almost invariably placed on us, or rather, all of the complaints are directed at the Service here. The baggage after disinfection is delivered on board and receipted for by the purser and afterwards distributed by him to the passengers. Great pains are taken to prevent loss or damage to baggage, and I therefore think the fault is not always with us.

The Spanish bark *Lorenzo* arrived off the Morro from Buenos Ayres and was boarded outside by Asst. Surg. T. D. Berry. She was remanded to the quarantine station at Mariel for disinfection and discharge of her cargo of jerked beef.

I inclose mortality report for the week ended August 8, 1900.

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

Chief Quarantine Officer for the Island of Cuba.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

*Mortuary report for week ended August 8, 1900.*

Bronchitis .....	5	Pneumonia .....	5
Diphtheria .....	1	Arterial sclerosis.....	6
Enteritis .....	12	Tuberculosis.....	17
Yellow fever.....	6	Tetanus .....	4
Pernicious malarial fever.....	5	Uræmia .....	3
Meningitis.....	16	Deaths from all causes.....	122
Malaria .....	5		

*Report for week ended August 11, 1900.*

Passengers examined.....	311	Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	3, 156
Passengers vaccinated.....	6	Vessels inspected and entered .....	9
OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.		Vessels inspected and cleared.....	16
Vessels disinfected.....	3	Immigrants inspected and passed....	208

HAVANA, CUBA, *August 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended August 18, 1900:

The work has been the ordinary weekly routine work of passenger and vessel inspection, disinfection of baggage and vessels.

During the disinfection of the Florida baggage going on the *Olivette* on the 18th 1 trunk was found in which bedding was so folded and arranged as to closely resemble wearing apparel. The fraud was detected and the bedding removed by Acting Asst. Surg. John Frick.

The Spanish steamer *Berenguer el Grande*, bound for New Orleans, via Santiago de Cuba, was disinfected and was the largest vessel handled this season.

During the week ended August 15 there were 12 deaths from yellow fever.

Asst. Surg. F. E. Trotter reports the infection of the Continental Hotel at Cienfuegos, 2 cases being removed from the building. He reports 3 cases and 2 deaths to date.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

*Mortuary report for the week ended August 15, 1900.*

Bronchitis.....	5	Malaria.....	6
Acute Bright's disease .....	1	Pneumonia .....	7
Enteritis .....	15	Arterial sclerosis.....	5
Yellow fever.....	12	Tuberculosis .....	21
Typhoid fever.....	1	Tetanus .....	3
Pernicious malarial fever.....	10	Deaths from all causes.....	143
Meningitis.....	16		

*Report of work for the week ended August 18, 1900.*

Passengers inspected.....	178	Passengers vaccinated .....	5
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## OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.

Vessels disinfected .....	4	Vessels inspected and cleared.....	14
Pieces of baggage disinfected .....	444	Immigrants inspected .....	77
Vessels inspected and entered .....	10		